

# U.S. Reps. Sensenbrenner and Gallego: Introduce bipartisan bill to help disabled veterans overcome mobility challenges

Posted on Tuesday, Dec 17, 2019

>> **WisPolitics is now on the State Affairs network. Get custom keyword notifications, bill tracking and all WisPolitics content. [Get the app or access via desktop.](#)**

**Washington, D.C.**—Today, Congressmen **Jim Sensenbrenner** (R-WI) and Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) introduced legislation that would help disabled veterans regain their independence.

**Rep. Sensenbrenner:** *“This is a no-brainer. Veterans who sacrifice so much for our country, especially those who must overcome serious injuries, should not have trouble getting the equipment they need to adjust back to civilian life. This legislation simply clarifies that the VA is permitted to cover these necessary items. I’m grateful for Congressman Gallego for joining me in sponsoring this bipartisan bill.”*

Rep. Gallego: *“Veterans with serious injuries deserve all of the support we can give them to ensure they are able to live a full and independent life. I’m proud to sponsor this bill with Congressman Sensenbrenner to allow veterans to access the equipment they need to overcome mobility challenges.”*

## Background:

Currently, the Department of Veterans Administration does not cover trailers for mobility equipment for disabled veterans. Items currently covered, such as mechanical lifts, only fit in large vehicles and leave many veterans without a viable option. H.R. 5447 would clarify that the VA does have the authority to cover non-articulating trailers for veterans who may need to transport their mobility devices.